## STATE OF ARKANISAS Executive Departments

## PROCLAMATION

## TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS: Arkansas is privileged to have many fine men and women in our law enforcement dedicated to protecting our state. Without a doubt, the people of Arkansas are grateful to our law enforcement for their constant protection and service; and
- WHEREAS: Arkansas law enforcement go to great lengths to insure that we feel protected in our homes, workplaces, and schools; and
- WHEREAS: It is fitting and right to recognize the many sacrifices they have made on our behalf and to remember with gratitude these men and women standing shoulder-to-shoulder in defense of peace, order, and justice; and
- WHEREAS: It should be recognized that these brave men and women face the threat of danger every day on our behalf, and for that alone they deserve our thanks; and
- WHEREAS: While we thank our law enforcement for their service to our state, it is also proper that we remember those brave men and women that have fallen in the line of duty. The people of the State of Arkansas will forever be in their debt; and
- WHEREAS: All Arkansans and United States citizens should remember our law enforcement for their bravery and heroism, and should pay tribute to their faithful service; and
- WHEREAS: It is important to observe a day in honor and recognition of Arkansas law enforcement as a way of thanking them for their service, reminding ourselves of their constant protection, and as a way to pass on to the next generation the importance of the role that our law enforcement plays in a civil society;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017, as

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across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to honor Arkansas law enforcement for their heroic actions and selfless sacrifice.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, in the year of our Lord 2016.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State